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In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 3.

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A compound 8 to 50 nucleobases in length targeted to a nucleic acid molecule encoding human stearyl-CoA desaturase (SEQ ID NO: 3), wherein said compound specifically hybridizes with a nucleic acid molecule encoding human stearyl-CoA desaturase and inhibits the expression of human stearyl-CoA desaturase.

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11. (Amended) A compound 8 to 50 nucleobases in length which specifically hybridizes with at least an 8-nucleobase portion of an active site on a nucleic acid molecule encoding human stearyl-CoA desaturase (SEQ ID NO: 3).

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. Claim 3 has been canceled. Claims 1 and 11 have been amended. No new matter has been added by this amendment. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of these amendments and the following remarks.

The claims of the present application have been subjected to a Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 and 37 C.F.R. §1.141 by the Examiner in this case. The Examiner suggests that claim 3 specifically claims multiple individual antisense sequences each of which are deemed to constitute individual inventions. The Examiner